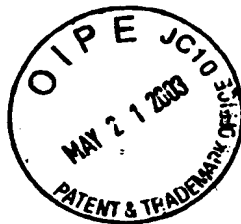


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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed February 21, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Sequence Listing submitted December 17, 2001 with the attached substitute Sequence Listing.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 1-13.

Please add new Claims 14-34:

14. (New) An isolated microorganism comprising:

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